

An. Code, sec. 520. 1904, sec. 461. 1894, ch. 402, sec. 304A. 1902, ch. 494.

577. The courts may suspend sentence generally or for a definite time, and may make such orders and impose such terms as to costs, recognizance for appearance, or matters relating to the residence or conduct of the convicts as may be deemed proper; and if the convict is a minor, the courts may also make such orders as to his detention in any care or custody as may be deemed proper.

Suspension of sentence, infant traversers being paroled in the custody of their fathers, upheld under this section; appeal dismissed. *Symington III. v. State*, 133 Md. 453. *Cf. Pritchett v. State*, 140 Md. 315.

See art. 3, sec. 60, Md. Constitution.

An. Code, sec. 521. 1906, ch. 536.

578. In all cases where the law prescribing a punishment for crime fixes a maximum and a minimum penalty therefor, the judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore and the several judges of the Circuit Courts of the counties may, in lieu of the minimum penalty so prescribed, impose a less penalty of the same character; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting any maximum penalty fixed by law, or the punishment for any crime where the law provides one and only one penalty.

An. Code, sec. 522. 1906, ch. 747.

579. On the order in writing of the board of County Commissioners of any county it shall be the duty of the sheriff or other officer having charge of such prisoners of that county to send, under a competent guard, such number of able-bodied male prisoners in the county jail undergoing punishment under sentence of a court or justice of the peace, as the county may require, to work on any road in said county, or in any quarry, pit or yard, in preparing materials for use on the county roads; the County Commissioners are hereby required to reimburse the sheriff or other officer out of the county fund for any expenses he may be put to in conveying the said prisoners to and from such road, quarry, pit or yard, or in properly guarding the said prisoners while at work on said road or at said quarry, pit or yard, under the direction of the county road representative or representatives, and under such regulations as the sheriff or other officer may deem necessary for their health and safe custody.

See sec. 712, *et seq.*

III.

PLACES OF REFORMATION AND PUNISHMENT.

House of the Good Shepherd.

An. Code, sec. 540. 1904, sec. 477. 1888, sec. 321. 1878, ch. 442, sec. 1.

580. The House of the Good Shepherd of the city of Baltimore, a body corporate incorporated under the general laws of this State relating to incorporations, is authorized to receive all such white females under the age of eighteen years as may be committed to the corporation by their parents or guardians and the same to retain within the refuge conducted by said